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CHARLESTON, IL--Rich Lambert (Troy-Triad) hit .248 for Eastern Illinois University's baseball team which finished second in the NCAA II World Series.

The Panthers, who had their greatest year ever, finished 36-14, losing the title game to five-time champ Florida Southern.

Lambert, a freshman, served as the designated hitter and left fielder. He had 23 hits in 93 times at bat, two homers, 17 RBIs, eight doubles and scored 23 runs.

"We will lose two starting outfielders so Rich will be in line for one of those spots . . . either left or right," said Coach Tom McDevitt.

"He contributed to our success as a freshman . . . knocking in 17 runs on just 23 hits is an excellent ratio . . . one of the team's most productive on that basis."